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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, OSA

SUBJECT: IDEALIST Mission Pilots

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1. The information contained in paragraph two of this memorandum is in response to the verbal request of [REDACTED]

2. Listed below are the minimum qualifications of candidates for employment as IDEALIST mission pilots:

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. Age 28 to 34.
- c. Minimum of 2000 hours total flying time.
- d. Minimum of 1000 hours single engine jet time.
- e. Reconnaissance experience is desirable but not mandatory.

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3. The above qualifications are applicable only to pilots who have not flown the U-2. Those pilots who have experience in the U-2 will be considered on an individual basis using those qualifications as a guide but weighing them against the U-2 experience.

4. It is assumed that records of candidates will be made available to my office for review and a determination of personnel to be interviewed and offered employment as mission pilots.

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